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Man Charged With Capital Murder in Fatal Attack of Taxi Driver at Hollywood Gas Station

A Lakewood man was charged today with fatally attacking a taxi driver at a Hollywood gas station last weekend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Najib Halibi (dob 5/25/82) was charged with one count of murder along with the special circumstance allegation of murder during the commission of a robbery, making him eligible for the death penalty.

He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Halibi was a passenger in a taxi shortly after 3 a.m. on Sunday when he allegedly got into a dispute with the driver, 47-year-old Asifawosen Alemseged, at a gas station in Hollywood.

The defendant is accused of exiting the taxi and reaching into the vehicle and grabbing the victim and going through his pockets. The victim also got out of the taxi and was allegedly beaten by Halibi, who fled the scene.

Alemseged was taken to a nearby hospital where he died.

If convicted as charged, Halibi faces the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole. A decision on whether to seek death will be made at a later date.

Case BA449381 remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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